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(2) the floor and ceiling prices for Bleeding Madras have been removed.

It is expected that the new measures will improve the situation considerably.

Lunghi, kerchief and other varities of handloom cloth are being exported to Middle East, Malaysia and East Asian countries. There is a slump in the export of these materials also, and the Government are thinking of ways and means to improve the situation.

The value of stock of handloom cloth with the apex and primary societies in April 1965 was of the order of Rs. 4·20 crores. The Government sanctioned in May 1965 a temporary advance of Rs. 50 lakhs to the State Handloom Society for the purpose of increased procurement of handloom cloth from the primary weavers' co-operative societies. Again, in October 1965, when the stock position became bad, the Government sanctioned another temporary advance of Rs. 50 lakhs for the same purpose. The stock of handloom cloth with the primary societies as on 31st May 1966 was of the value of Rs. 217·09 lakhs, and the stock with the State Handloom Society on that date was Rs. 160.47 lakhs. The stock is said to have accumulated further, and the Government are watching the situation.

In spite of this depression, it cannot be said that there has been a large scale unemployment of weavers in the State. Weavers employed in the production of Bleeding Madras, etc., where there is heavy accumulation of stocks, have been switching over to the production of other varieties of cloth which were in greater demand. Moreover, the Government have taken all possible steps to help the weavers' societies, through the liberalised scheme of rebate. The handloom weavers outside the co-operative sector have also been receiving liberal financial help from the Handloom Finance Corporation and there was no large scale unemployment among them also.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (REGULATION) BILL, 1966.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg for leave to introduce the Madras Private Educational Institutions (Regulation) Bill, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Private Educational Institutions (Regulation) Bill, 1966."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, Iintroduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.